

CLAIMS

We claim:

1. A method of manufacturing a ready-to-use, packaged, liquid cleaning or detergent composition, which separates into at least two aqueous phases in the rest condition, comprising producing at least two separate preliminary mixtures, which do not exhibit any phase separation within a temperature range of about 0°C and 40°C, and refraining from mixing these preliminary mixtures with one another until immediately prior to or upon filling the mixtures in a packaging container.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the composition of each preliminary mixture is different from the composition of each of the aqueous phases which separate in the end product in the rest condition.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein a first preliminary mixture contains, in addition to water as the main ingredient, substance(s) used in the overall composition but in the absence of which the overall composition essentially would not form separate aqueous phases, and a second preliminary mixture, the main ingredient of which is also water, contains remaining substances of the overall composition.

sub a1 4. The method of claim 3, wherein the first preliminary mixture contains a hydrophobic substance or a substance which forms a hydrophobic substance with one or more other substances of the overall composition.

5. The method of claim 4, wherein the first preliminary mixture contains perfume(s); hydrophobic, water-insoluble solvent(s); and one of quaternary ammonium salt(s) and sulphonate(s) if both of these groups are present in the overall composition.

6. The method of claim 3, wherein the first preliminary mixture contains one or more water-soluble substances with a low cloud point.

7. The method of claim 6, wherein the first preliminary mixture contains a substance selected from the group consisting of quaternary ammonium salts and surface-active agents with an ethylene oxide and/or propylene oxide base.

8. The method of claim 3, wherein the first preliminary mixture and the second preliminary mixture are present in a ratio of about 5/95 to 50/50 by volume prior to mixing.